

PROF. C. L. HUSKINS, A GENETICS EXPERT

Wisconsin U. Faculty Member,
Former Department Chief
at McGill Dead at 55

MADISON, Wis., July 27 (AP)—C. Leonard Huskins, Professor of Botany at the University of Wisconsin, died last night after a long illness at the age of 55. Professor Huskins, who came to Wisconsin in 1945, formerly was head of the department of genetics at McGill University in Montreal.

Headed Experimental Team

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago in 1947, a report was presented of experiments in genetics carried out at Wisconsin by a team of scientists headed by Professor Huskins. The belief was expressed that the new findings might eventually make it possible to re-create species long extinct, including the progenitor of man.

A native of Walsall, England, Professor Huskins migrated to Canada as a young man. He studied first at the School of Agriculture in Olds, Alberta. In 1923, he received the degree of Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of Alberta, which also gave him a master's degree in the same subject two years later. He then returned to Britain and acquired a Ph. D. in 1927 and an honorary Doctorate of Science in 1934 from the University of London.

After having served as Professor of Botany at McGill from 1930 to 1934, he was appointed Professor of Genetics. For a brief period in 1938 he also served as a professor in the department of botany at the University of California. In 1942-43 he was a Guggenheim fellow in the department of zoology at Columbia University.

In 1916, Professor Huskins began his World War I service with the Canadian infantry. He later became a flight officer.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the Genetics Society of America, Society for the Study of Evolution, Association of American University Professors and the American Naturalists. To various scholarly journals he contributed papers describing his researches.

He married Margaret Harman Villy in 1923. They had two daughters and a son.